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Catahoula Parish Mother and Son Die in Christmas Day Fire

Enterprise, LA- The State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating a tragic fire that has taken the life of a mother and her son when their home caught fire Christmas day.

The Enterprise and Jonesville Volunteer Fire Departments responded to a reported house trailer on fire at 12:25 pm located at 3198 Columbia Church Road, in rural Catahoula Parish. When firefighters arrived they discovered the entire home burning and located the bodies of two occupants who apparently perished in the inferno. They have been identified as Annette Salter (dob. 11-30-44) and her son Dudley Salter (dob. 2-2-65)

The State Fire Marshal's Office is jointly investigating this fire with the Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office. Family members that lived nearby observed the fire that was consuming most of the structure, they then called 911. Investigators have not determined the exact cause of this fire. Preliminary results show it to be accidental in nature and no suspicious circumstances have been found. There were no working smoke alarms in the home. One family member who lived nearby suffered injury's resulting from attempting to rescue the occupants.

Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning stated, "Our prayers are with this family as they deal with such a terrible loss. There was very little evidence left on the scene but we believe the fire was an accident. I remind everyone to ensure you have working smoke alarms in your home".

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